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In re application of: Jingrui Wu *et al.*

Serial No. 10/678,588

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Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Vinod Kumar

Docket No. 38-21(52578)C

Petition to Amend Priority Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)

Commissioner for Patents
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Attn: Mail Stop Petition

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to add priority claims in the above-captioned U.S. application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).

Fee Authorization: Applicant understands 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)(ii) to require that this petition be accompanied by surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t). The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 134125 of Monsanto Company the \$1370 fee for this petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

In the amendment filed herewith (the "Amendment"), Applicants have amended the claims to include new dependent claim 14 directed a plant of claim 6 wherein said recombinant DNA comprises a promoter operably linked to native corn DNA encoding the protein with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and new independent claim 15 directed to a recombinant DNA construct comprising a promoter operably linked to native corn DNA encoding the protein with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2. Such recombinant DNA construct is disclosed in the Application as originally filed and in U.S. application Serial No. 09/865,439 where native corn DNA encoding the protein with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 is found in SEQ ID NO:119104. Application Serial No. 09/865,439 was copending on the October 2, 2003 filing date of this above-captioned application and later abandoned on November 18, 2003. As such, Applicants have amended

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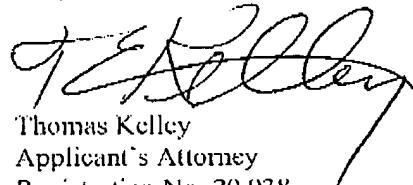
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the claim for priority of this application to properly reflect the priority date of the invention now claimed. Applicants believe that the present claims in this above-captioned application are entitled to the priority claims as submitted in the Amendment and respectfully request that the Amendment be entered.

Applicants hereby petition to add a claim of priority to U.S. application Serial No. 09/865,439 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3). Applicants assert that the entire delay between the date for making a priority claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date such priority claim was made was unintentional, and respectfully request that this above-captioned application be amended to reflect the priority for the invention now claimed.

Should the Commissioner require additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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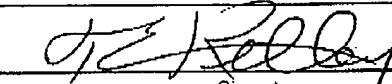
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